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SUBJECT: ARRESTS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT DISSIDENTS

1. IN WAKE OF REFERENDUM AND RELEASE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONERS, POLICE HAVE PICKED UP FEW ANTI-GOVERNMENT DISSIDENTS AND EVEN THESE HAVE ONLY BEEN HELD FOR RELATIVELY SHORT TIME.

2. ON FEBRUARY 24, SEOUL POLICE PICKED UP FIVE DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY (DUP) MEMBERS WHO WERE TRYING TO SOLICIT SIGNATURES FOR PETITION CALLING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. ON SAME DAY, FIVE APPEARED BEFORE SUMMARY COURT AND GIVEN SENTENCE OF TWO TO THREE DAY DETENTION FOR VIOLATION OF LAW SIMILAR TO U.S. LOITERING LAWS.

3. ON FEBRUARY 25, SEOUL DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE TURNED DOWN PROSECUTION REQUEST FOR ARREST WARRANT FOR REVEREND KWON HO-KYONG (CHEIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH). REVEREND KWON IS A FORMER EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONER RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 15. PROSECUTION REQUEST FOR ARREST APPEARED TO STEM FROM QUARREL INVOLVING FELLOW CHRISTIAN MINISTER WHO CLAIMED HE

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HAD BEEN ASSAULTED BY KWON AND FOUR OTHER CLERGYMEN

DURING AN ARGUMENT OVER DISBURSEMENT OF MISSIONARY
FUNDS. DISSIDENT RELIGIOUS GROUPS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
ASSAULT TOOK PLACE BUT INSIST THAT PROSECUTION
MOVE WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.
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